

On Time

THIS truth I'm spreading near and far, by means of loosed rhyme: You'd better do without a car than buy a car on time. Who are the folks who time and fret, the while their bosoms bleed? They are the ones who go in debt for things they do not need. Their names would fill a catalog in this debt-ridden time; you'd better do without a dog than buy a dog on time. How happy is the man who knows he does not owe a bone! The grosser sorts of griefs and woes are leaving him alone; the "charge it" course he doesn't choose, nor owe a man a dime; you'd better do without a horse than buy a horse on time. The man who always pays his bill is honored everywhere, and merchants want his trade and pray that they may have a share; collectors do not dog his heels, nor lawyers haunt his door; he pays for what he buys with wheels composed of silver ore. And such a man enjoys this life, and finds the world sublime; you'd better do without a wife than get a wife on time.

(Copyright by George M. Adams.) —WALT MASON.

Villa, His Prisoners, and the Embargo

VILLA's great test will come when he invades Torreon, and after its capture, if he should be so fortunate as to take the federal stronghold. He may know, or may not know, that the United States government is watching him closely, to see just how he will conduct himself, what he will do under circumstances similar to those that have arisen in connection with former fights and victories. And the people of the United States also are trying to take the measure of the man, and they will watch his acts around Torreon.

Villa gave his cause a serious setback when he ordered wholesale execution of prisoners, and tolerated if he did not order the killing of men already wounded. He never tried to deny that many prisoners had been executed, but sought to demonstrate that only those who had been proved double traitors or who had broken parole had been executed.

But everything goes to show that executions on the field and in towns taken by rebels as well as by federals, have been carried on at a wholesale rate. The rebels have been no worse offenders than the federals in this respect, but that fact does not excuse the followers of Villa from just condemnation for violating the rules of civilized warfare.

President Wilson's order removing the embargo of arms comes better late than never. The embargo never should have been put on. The action of president Taft under the authority of a measure which he asked congress to pass, was an act of partiality, not neutrality; it began with hostility to a faction, and all subsequent efforts to apply it under the Taft administration were carefully calculated to make the situation worse and increase the bitter feeling of Mexicans against Americans.

President Wilson has really tried to enforce the rule as to both sides, but his success has been limited, and the fact that the seaports have always been open to the federals has placed a serious handicap on the rebels amounting to the exercise by Washington of a choice between the factions.

Now both sides will be able to import all the arms and ammunition they desire and can pay for, the only restriction being that they must go through a regular port and be duly declared. There is every precedent in law and American and international practice for thus permitting commercial export of munitions of war. The Taft act of two years ago broke every rule and attempted to set up a new precedent in law. President Wilson is only going back to the established practice of all civilized nations since international law began to be recognized, and to the sound precedents of more than a century of our own national life.

This act of president Wilson's is not so much a concession to the Villa group, as it is a concession to the demands of a large part of the American people who have felt that the Taft policy, followed by Wilson, was not neutrality at all. To the removal of the embargo, no one can justly take exception. It is nearer real neutrality than anything we have had these two years.

Villa will of course be very greatly strengthened by the removal of the embargo. He will now be enabled to obtain all the arms and ammunition he needs for the southern campaign, for he seems to have more than one way of securing money.

Upon Villa's acts around Torreon and on the southward march will largely depend the future attitude of the United States. Villa must learn to let foreigners and their property alone. So long as he concerns himself only with Mexicans, there will be little excuse for the American government to take a hand. But whenever Villa lifts his hand against a foreigner, or destroys or confiscates foreign property, he should know that he is adding very greatly to the burden the American government has already carrying, that he is placing the interests of his own country in jeopardy, and that he is forcing drastic measures by Europe for the protection of foreigners; and that he is defeating the very purposes for which he declares he is fighting—liberty and peace for his people.

Though the removal of the embargo is not to be regarded as any special favor to Villa, nevertheless coming just at this time, with Villa in command of the whole international border, the effect of the removal is greatly to strengthen Villa's hand. The removal would not have been decided upon if president Wilson had not had so strong a hatred of the Huerta regime as to lead him to look with satisfaction upon anything which would bring the Huerta government more quickly to ruin. It is a case where really being neutral satisfies his dearest desire as well as his Scotch Presbyterian conscience.

Learning To Fly

HAMILTON the bird man began trying to fly when he was eight years old—trying to fly from the barn roof with his mother's parrot for parachute. He went up in every balloon he could reach, and tried every manner of kite.

When the dirigible balloons were devised he was one of the first to experiment with them. He could not keep out of the sky. He was up 600 feet in a balloon when the weights fell and the balloon shot up to 6000 feet, and then according to his aneroid barometer, up to 14,000 feet. In the meantime Hamilton was climbing up trying to get at the gas bag to cut it when it broke itself, but the huge silk bag formed itself into a parachute and the bird man came down easily.

Every month of the year almost he had as narrow a margin of safety or none at all. He flew all over the world, in China and Japan, in Europe, in Canada, Florida, and California, and always was the one to dare strange leaps and glides. He never made any special record for speed or distance but he tried anything in the way of flying tricks. His remarkably quick thinking always saved him when he came crashing down. He never lost his head, though nearly every bone in his body had been broken, and he wore a silver plate in his skull where he had broken it; he died in bed at home, and not from accident.

Hamilton was less than 30 years old, and had seen only the beginning of successful flying. But while he lived, he enjoyed his wings to the utmost.

Conquest By Automobile

THE TASHA LAMA of Mongolia, second in remoteness and veneration to the Dalai Lama or Grand Lama of Tibet, wanted an automobile, and an order was sent in. The machine had to be taken over deserts and up difficult passes, threading the middle of streams, and sometimes given a stout pull by bullocks, but it reached the Lama.

When the aloofness of these high priests of mystery yields to the love of a 40 mile whirl away from the silences of the temples, the world has penetrated, and in another generation there will be light. Tibet itself will likely cease to be an awed mystery of a place.

The man who delivered the automobile report the mysterious and awful high priest—a baldheaded, hard faced man of 40, looking more like a thug than a high priest—but they were looking with outlandish and unbelieving eyes.

One-Sentence Philosophy

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Paving as a good example is no easy job.

When you meet a trouble borrower lend him all you have.

Lies may fool a few people, but the truth fools a great many.

Doctors may take life easy and still manage to avoid arrest.

French self love is usually confined to French self unkindness.

The coat may not make the man, but lawsuits make the attorney.

Mills may take life easy and may step, but the divorce will grind on forever.

More women might be able to save money if they gave goods to stores would cease having foreign sales.

A spinster thinks it's up to her to take a bachelor seriously; otherwise she may not get a chance to take him at all.

When a young man sits 30 feet away from a girl and calmly informs her that she is his first and only love she can bank on his veracity.

JOURNAL ENTRIES.

(Topeka Journal.)

Most of the brave men haven't had their courage tested.

Nor would it take the average man long to tell all he knows.

Everybody is ready to deal in traveling along the path of life.

Any kind of climate is satisfactory to the man in good health.

GLOBE SIGHTS.

(Athenian Globe.)

Reporters, it might be said, appreciate kind words and sentiments, but can't live on them.

It is always better to adjourn the meeting early, for some fool is apt to arise and tell the truth.

It is characteristic of the loser to think his hard luck can't last much longer, although it frequently does.

Many a man, becoming imbued with the idea of independence, has resigned his position and starved ever after.

This is the season when a farmer assists John D. a good deal in order to get up as early as he thinks he should.

QUAKER MEDITATIONS.

(Philadelphia Record.)

The telephone girl may have rings on her fingers, but she has more in her ears.

A woman who thinks she is the salt of the earth should remember Lot's wife.

The owl is supposed to be the wisest bird, remarked the Wise Guy.

"Yes, but the crow never does anything without cause," replied the Simple Man.

"And have you a regular staff of humorists?" asked occasional contributor.

"Oh, yes," replied the editor of the comic paper. "I always keep my wits about me."

Advice To the Lovelorn

By Beatrice Fairfax.

CHANGE YOUR HOME.

Dear Miss Fairfax:

I am 22 and bored with my married sister, who treats me mean. After my day's work I come home at night and help her, but she is so contented with what I do I beg her to send me to night school so I may learn something, but she says stay up at night and wait for me.

Your sister is so unjust to you you will be justified in leaving her home. There are homes for working girls where one may live for very little and have one's evenings free to devote to study. But remember, you must make good in your ambition or be a lasting reproach to your family and to yourself.

THAT DEPENDS ON YOUR PURSE.

Dear Miss Fairfax:

I am in love with a girl about my age and I would like to know if I take her to the theater whether I should go to a cafe afterwards, and what it is customary to order. Do you think she would object to a cafe, as she is a church member? I am a member of the city ways.

Country Boy.
Don't take any girl to such a place unless you can afford it. Morally there is nothing wrong in an after theater lunch, but it is good for neither of you, is wholly unnecessary, and is an affectation. If you are in love with a girl, take her to a place where you can both enjoy yourselves, and where you can afford to go. If you wish to do next day can afford to do it.

THAT DEPENDS.

Dear Miss Fairfax:

I have been keeping company with a young man (two years my senior) for one year, and as a rule we are very happy when together; but every time he meets a girl in the street or in the family where he dislikes her very much with me. When I speak to him about this he answers that he always has been of this kind, and that he never will change.

If the person he dislikes is very near to you, and one he would often meet after your marriage, I hope you will not marry him. His intolerance of a girl now will become active dislike then, and he will make you very unhappy.

TIME WILL SHOW YOU.

Dear Miss Fairfax:

I was graduated from public school at 16, and since then have been employed in many kinds of work, but seem to fail in everything I do.

At present I am in an unemployable position, and I am almost frantic with the thought of not accomplishing the purpose of my being on earth.

Is there not some way or place where one can find out what he is best fitted for? Hopeful.

The Lord said to me in a similar dream, "I am the talent lying nearest at hand."

Your purpose of being on earth cannot be explained by worry and doubt; keep on working, find the work nearest at hand suitable to you, and find better, and don't grow weary of the work.

It should not know the meaning of the word.

LET YOUR BOOKS COME FIRST.

Dear Miss Fairfax:

I am 24 and was deeply in love with a girl of 23, but by taking up a course in bookkeeping I have lost her. I have very often, and I told her not to come so many times, as I like to learn what I can, and she got angry, but I have a warm spot in my heart for her.

Kindly let me have your best advice what to do, so that I can keep company with her again.

W. G. S.
Don't let her anger sidetrack your ambition. It will be to your lasting regret if you do.

If she is a girl worth while she will learn to realize that you are right and will become a help to you instead of a hindrance.

HIS YOUTH EXCUSES HIM.

Dear Miss Fairfax:

Kindly give your opinion of a boy who got exceedingly angry because a girl who had been on a picnic with him would not sing for him at 11:30 p. m., also because she had not walked with him coming home, another girl being at his side.

Could not he have been a little more patient? But at this point the other girl and come with her.

M. P. Q.
The nature of a boy is too trivial a matter to make a girl angry. He is not thoughtful in expecting a girl to sing at such an hour, and his anger over the other matter is not more to his credit.

CHINATOWN RAID PROVES TO BE WATERHOLE MONDAY.

Chinatown was raided by a party of customs officials and deputy marshals Monday afternoon in search of contraband opium. The officers went through the Chinatown of lower Oregon street, raked around in the underground chambers and passages, and found only a few small quantities of opium which had been previously been smoked and then cooked over to be used a second time.

WANTS NOMINATION FOR PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3.—Daniel Ryan, city solicitor of Philadelphia, today published the formal announcement of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor of Pennsylvania.

(Articles by this noted writer are regular features of The El Paso Herald.)

ELIZABETH, N. J.

BY GEORGE FITCH.

Author of "At Good Old Slivash."

EVERY proper American city, large or small, has some feature about which it can be haughty and superior, even in the presence of Chicago and New York.

For instance, Elizabeth has only 50,000 people and its main street looks as if its fire department was entirely too big for the best interests of the town. Yet, Elizabeth, were it to be consumed by fire, the supply of sewing machines would be cut down about 50 percent, and all over the world women would pray for the town's recovery as they ran by hand in the good old way.

Elizabeth is situated in the congested part of New Jersey, around two corners and over four bridges from New York. By standing tip toe on a place, an Elizabeth citizen can see the Singer building in New York, built by money made in Elizabeth.

The Kill von Kull, which is a river and not a species of firearm, lies in front of Elizabeth, and when the government has finished digging in it, ocean steamships will be able to steam right up to the town and awaken its great white way at 10 p. m. by tooting for a draw bridge.

Elizabeth makes about everything from adding machines to ships. It has 150 passenger trains a day and many men who have made their money in New York are building their palaces in Elizabeth, thus evening up for that Singer building affair. The city has one dwelling house 248 years old and nine depots, most of them a little younger. It has also many new public buildings approaching in beauty its colonial relics. It has a board of trade which sits up nights laying plans to move the east side of New York over to Elizabeth, to extend the Atlantic ocean to the town and to put the Pennsylvania railroad on stilts.

Elizabeth is 250 years old and was first named Elizabethtown. It figured so extensively in history, however, that to save composition and wear and tear on historians, the name was amputated to the last point. Princeton university

ABE MARTIN

By Beatrice Fairfax.

When some distasteful feature of housekeeping is mentioned there's allus some fellow who says, "I let my wife look after everything like that."

If it wasn't for the ordinary everyday folks who pay cash it wouldn't be possible to conduct any kind of business.

The Daily Novelette

Suzette's Best.

"NIZZELES!" called the city editor abruptly, (right away this is going to be a newspaper story.)

The cub reporter, Antonio Nizzeles, approached his chief's desk fearfully.

"We got a new first page story," said the city editor, "I don't care what, but I gotta have it. Go out and if you don't get it, stay out."

Three hours later Nizzeles bumped into the city editor's desk with such enthusiastic violence as to make that busy official drop his blue pencil into the glue pot and swallow half a yard of copy which he was holding in his mouth while waiting for the copy boy.

"I got it!" I got it!" shouted Nizzeles. "Triple murder on South avenue. President of the School for Bad Students kills his wife, his butler and his St. Bernard! I got the cause and effect and everything!"

"Forget it," said the city editor, who hadn't got the copy paper all the way down yet. "The public's tired of murders. Is that all you got?"

"No," said Nizzeles, rather crestfallen. "I passed Mrs. Hichly Boofle-Hyphens' house—she's giving a big dance tonight, you know—just to show her three couples for doing the one-step whirl. But I don't suppose—"

"Two and a half columns!" boomed the city editor. "This is a great day for the Dispatch! Hey, copy! Extra! Wow!"

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100 Years Ago Today

ONE HUNDRED years ago today the plenipotentiaries of the allied nations were conferring on the future of Europe after the overthrow of Napoleon, which now seemed inevitable.

The invasion of France, which was the first great task undertaken by the allies, had been accomplished, and there now remained only the march upon Paris. So far the coalition had accomplished its work well. But at this point the jealousies of the allied nations began to come to the surface. The most of the plenipotentiaries favored pushing to Paris without delay. But at this point the French government, which had been the ally of the allies, began to show signs of weakness.

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